Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image retrieval system that retrieves static image data associated with video data, comprising:

static image data which are associated with time positions in a video data, the static image data being displayed with the video during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

an input unit that accepts an input keyword;

an extraction unit that extracts a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; and

a retrieval unit that matches the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve relevant static image data.

2. (Original) The image retrieval system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display unit that displays the retrieved static image data as a list of images; and

a size changing unit that changes an image size of the static image data to be displayed on the display unit, the image size being changed according to a predetermined criterion.

3. (Original) The image retrieval system according to claim 1, comprising:

a display unit that displays the retrieved static image data as a static image; and

a video display unit that, according to user's operation for selecting the displayed static image, reproduces and displays video data as an image from a reproduction time position with which the static image data is associated.

4. (Currently Amended) An image retrieval method for retrieving static image data associated with video data, ~~comprising the steps of:~~comprising:

associating static image data with time positions in the video data, the static image data being displayed with the video data during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

extracting a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; and

matching an input keyword with the extracted character string to retrieve relevant static image data.

5. (Original) The image retrieval method according to claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

displaying the retrieved static image data as a static image; and

according to user's operation for selecting the displayed static image, reproducing and displaying video data as an image from a reproduction time position with which the static image data is associated.

6. (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, the storage medium storing a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a function for retrieving static image data associated with video data, the function ~~comprising the steps of:~~comprising:

associating static image data with time positions in a video data, the static image data being displayed with the video data during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

accepting an input keyword;

extracting a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; and

matching the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve relevant static image data.

7. (Original) The storage medium according to claim 6, the function further comprising the steps of:

displaying the retrieved static image data as a list of images; and

changing an image size of the static image data to be displayed, the image size being changed according to a predetermined criterion.

8. (Original) The storage medium according to claim 6, the function further comprising the steps of:

displaying the retrieved static image data as a static image; and

according to a user's operation for selecting the displayed static image, reproducing and displaying video data as an image from a reproduction time position with which the static image data is associated.